

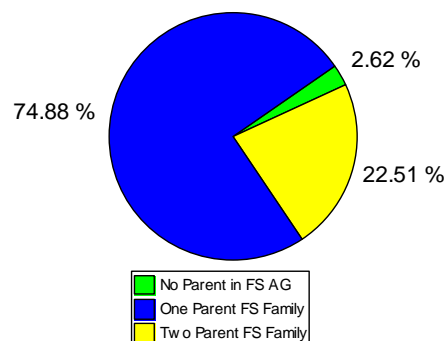
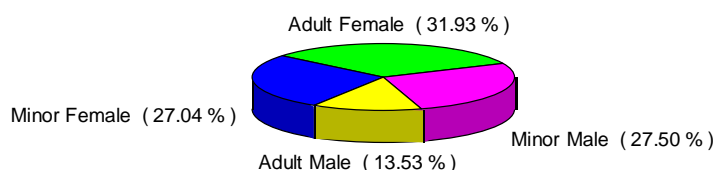
Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of May, 2002¹

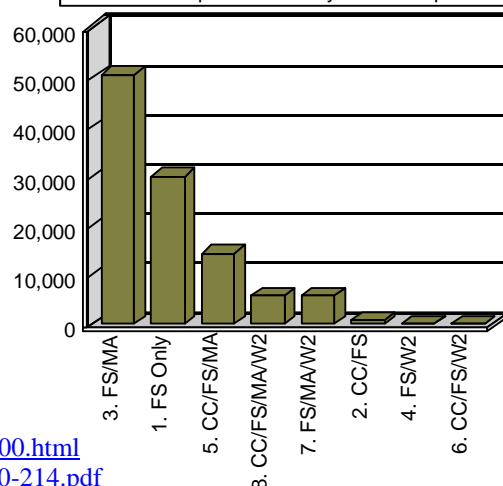
Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 5% of the 5.3 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals:** 107,233 Assistance groups are made up of 265,797 individuals. The AG size decreased slightly from last month. This is the first month there was a decrease in FS AG size since December of 2000. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 45% are adults while 55% are minors. 59% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 74.88% have one parent in the AG, 22.51% have two parents, and 2.62% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological parent.
- **Parents That Are Minors:** 967 minors in 950 FS AGs are parents. That's 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.
- **Case Composition:** The graph on the right shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



Number of Open FS AGs by Case Composition



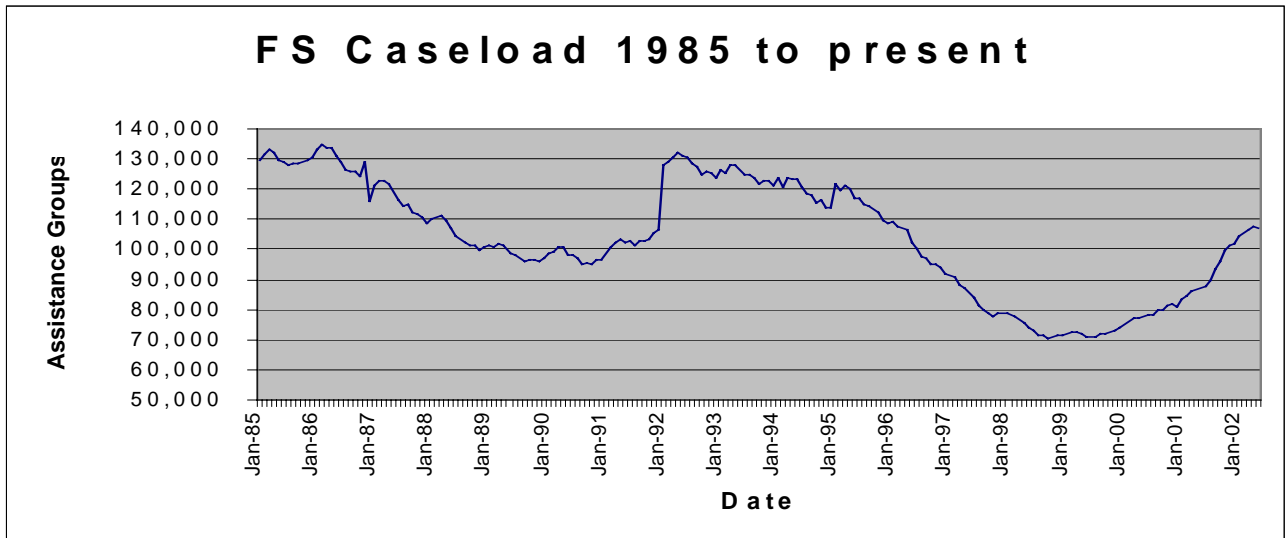
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¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

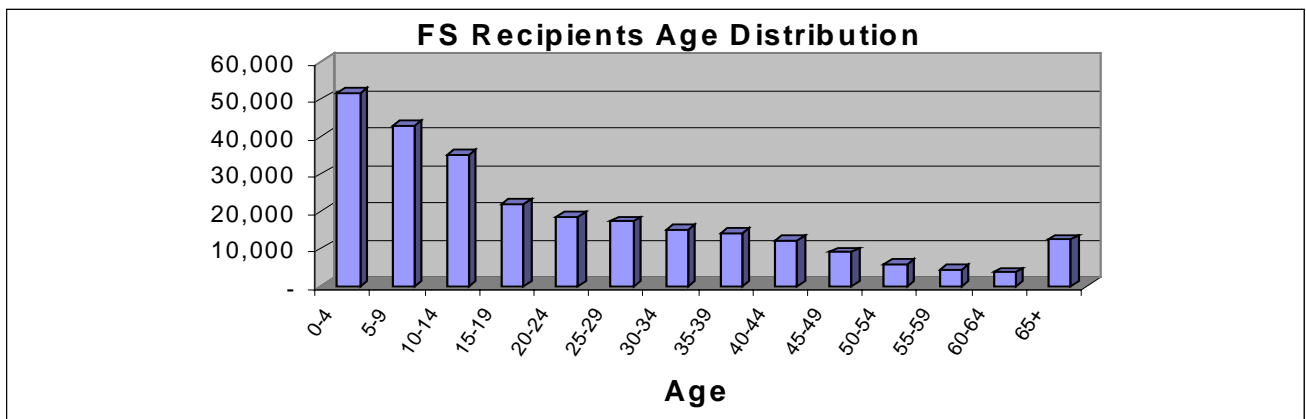
² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

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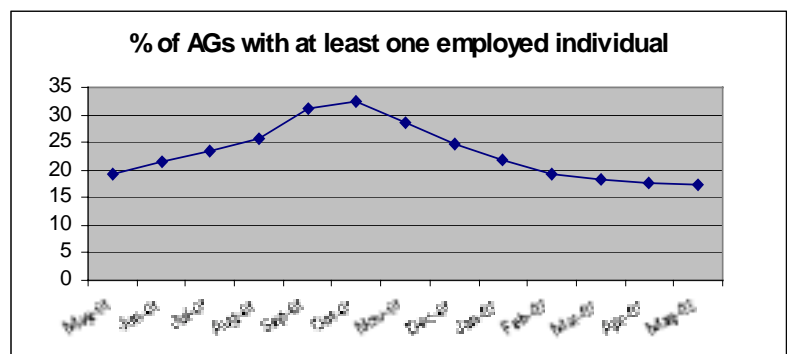
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload has increased at a steady rate since May of 2000. However, this is the first month since 12/01 that there was a decrease in the caseload.



- **Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17.3% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 42% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.
- **Work/Earnings:** 17.5% of the AGs have at least one person working. This is a decrease of .2% from last month, which decreased .5% from the month before. This seems to show that the decrease in AGs with



employed individuals has leveled out and that the percentage of AGs with employed individuals may begin increasing in the coming months. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$955, a slight increase from last month.⁴ 32.7% of adult FS recipients are employed, another slight increase from last month. Currently, the unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 4.8%.⁵ The drop from last month's 5.4% was the largest one-month drop in unemployment in Wisconsin in 11 years.

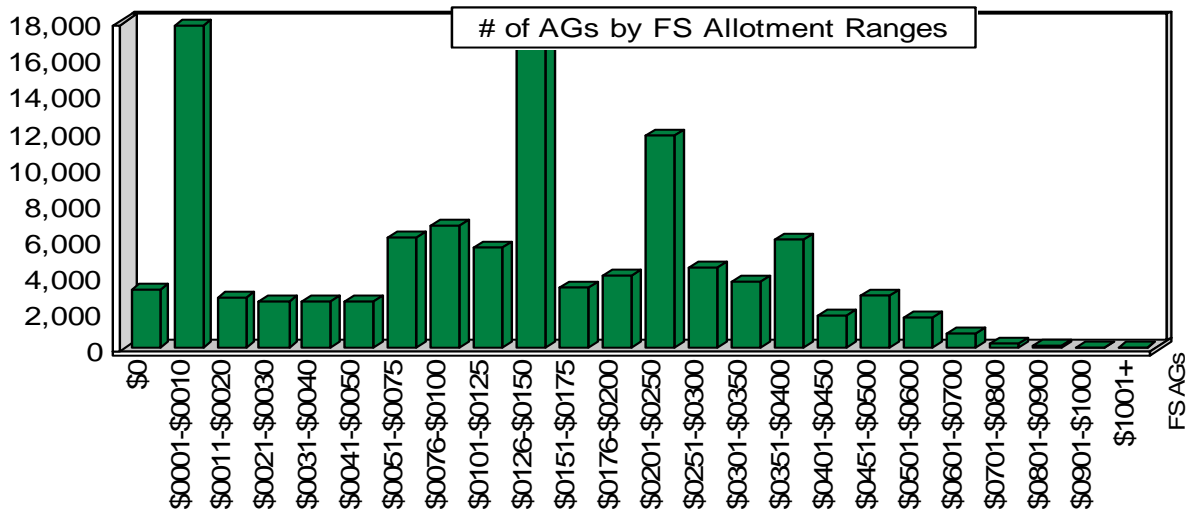
- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 27.4% of the statewide FS AGs, average about 4 persons per AG, and average \$1,087 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

	Working Family AGs	Avg. Recipients per AG	Avg. Earned Income per AG/month	Avg. Unearned Income per AG/month	Avg. FS Allotment per AG/month
One-Parent	21,131	3.3	\$1,019	\$190	\$167
Two-Parent	8,199	4.9	\$1,263	\$222	\$247
Combined	29,330	3.7	\$1,087	\$199	\$189

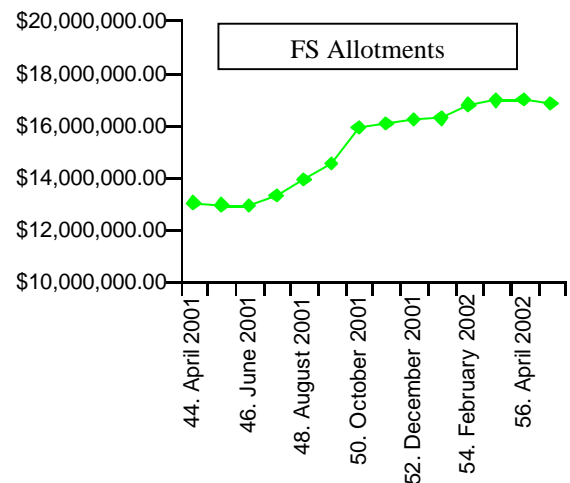
- **Able Bodied Adults (With or Without Dependents) and Employment:** 46% of Able Bodied Adult FS recipients (non elderly, non-disabled adults) are employed. These individuals may or may not have children.
- **Allotments:** A total of \$16.8 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$157. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$92. However, 20% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.

⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi/employ_civilianlaborForce.htm



Allotments have increased 30% since June of 2001. AG's and recipients have both increased 22% over the same time range.



- **Quality Control Error Rate Data:** For FFY 2001, Wisconsin's error rate was 13.14 %. The national average was 8.66%. The average error rate so far for FFY 2002 (October 2001 - March 2002) is 12.6%. Previous years' data is found below:

Fiscal Year	Federal Target	Wisconsin Error Rate	Sanction Liability
1991	10.31%	10.05%	None
1992	10.31%	9.32%	None
1993	10.81%	9.51%	None
1994	10.32%	10.51%	\$8,544.00
1995	9.7%	12.1%	\$1,370,000.00
1996	9.2%	11.61%	\$1,224,955.00
1997	9.89%	13.7%	\$2,200,000.00
1998	10.69%	14.58%	\$689,391.00
1999	9.88%	11.8%	\$606,466.00
2000	8.91%	12.0%	\$1,671,222.00
2001	8.66%	13.14%	\$2,800,000.00 (in appeal status)